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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The listed articles were made of record in parent application Serial No. 09/225,852. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), copies of the articles cited are not enclosed.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of these documents are not included. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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